

PARENTS:

How can you help your Scholar succeed?

You want the best for your child, and high school is the perfect time to start thinking about the future.

As a sophomore, your student must complete three activities as part of the Scholar Success Program, which helps students plan and prepare for college and learn ways to pay for expenses not covered by the 21st Century Scholarship. The Scholar Success Guide provides information and resources to help students complete these requirements. Here are some ways you can help your student stay on track.

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PLAN: TALK ABOUT THEIR INTERESTS AND SKILLS.

Help your student make a list of what he/she likes to do and discuss how his/her interests and skills align with potential careers. Help your student take a career interests assessment by logging in to his/her ScholarTrack account at Scholars.IN.gov/scholartrack.



PREPARE: HELP YOUR STUDENT EXPLORE WORKPLACE OPPORTUNITIES.

Your student must gain workplace experience during his/her sophomore year. This could be a half-day job shadow, interviewing a professional, part-time employment or even an internship related to his/her career interests. Help your student find an opportunity in your area.



PAY: ESTIMATE YOUR STUDENT'S COLLEGE COSTS.

Your student must watch the "Estimating Your College Costs" video, which provides an overview of the cost of attendance — or total cost to attend a particular college. The video discusses how the 21st Century Scholarship and other financial aid can help pay those expenses, as well as how to estimate your family's net — or out-of-pocket — cost to attend college. Watch the video with your student, and then use the College Costs Estimator tool at Scholars.IN.gov/collegecostsestimator to calculate your family's potential out-of-pocket costs.

TIPS TO HELP YOUR STUDENT SUCCEED.

There are many other ways you can help your child succeed in high school and prepare for college success. Help your student throughout high school by doing the following:

- Review class work and homework with him or her nightly.
- Regularly review online grades and progress reports.
- Meet with teachers and counselors to discuss progress or any concerns.
- Identify a quiet place at home to study.
- Develop a daily homework schedule.
- Talk about college and career plans.

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